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Extract from Home Dept. File No: 87/47-Pub (B)

Immediate

As Home Department will be mainly responsible for the issue of orders and instructions regarding the public celebrations on the 15th August H.M. (Home) desires that there should be a representative of the Home Departmen as well on the Celebrations Committee. Please suggest a suitable representative. I shall then speak to Mr.V.P. Menon.

Sd/- R.N.Banerjee
Secretary 24-7-47.

D.S.(Mr.Bedekar)

D.S.(P) gave this to me and instructed me to requestx the W.M.P. to include the Secretary H,D. or his representative on the working committee for the August 15th celebrations. I have sent a U.O. note separately.

He also asked me to prepare a draft of instructions to Provinces etc. x regarding

(i) hoisting of national flag and lowering of Union X Jack;

(ii) celebration of the 15.8.47 by distribution of sweets to school children, release of convicts, illumination and fire-works parades etc, as they may deem fit.

Please x prepare a draft accordingly.

Sd/- A.V.Rah.
25.7.47.

Draft to the Provincial Government etc. is x submitted. A draft to the Registrar, Federal Court of India is also submitted.

2. We have received only one specimenx of the National Flag from the Constituent Assembly. Office venture to suggest that a specimen of the Flag may be supplied to each of the Provincial Governments and the Chief Commrs. It is understood that the Constituent Assembly will not be able to supply so many specimens but they can be obtained from Edde & Co., Connaught Place. If the above suggestion is accepted arrangements will be made to

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to purchase the required number of flags. After issue of the drafts necessary action will be initiated as regards the flag-~~x~~ hoisting ceremony.

3. It is understood that ~~x~~ the letter to the C.C. A & N Islands will not reach him before the 15th August unless ~~x~~ some special arrangements are made to deliver it. It is necessary that the letter should reach him sufficiently in advance of the 15th August to enable him to make necessary preparations. In case it is not possible to allow him sufficient time requisite number of ~~f~~flags for his use may perhaps be supplied from here. A & N Sec. may see on this point and kindly advise. If they have no objection, they may take necessary action in the matter.

Thro. A & N Sec

B.M.S.
25.7.47.

We may agree to take action so far as the A&N Islands are concerned. A copy of the orders may please be endorsed to this section.

R. N. Phibis
Sd. ~~H.M. Brooks~~
U.S. (A&N)

25/7/47

According to the forecast programme the 'Maharaja' is due to reach Car Nicobar on the 12th August and Port Blair on the 13th August after leaving Madras on the 9th August 47. If she sticks to this programme it will be in time to deliver the flags for C's use, which we may send from here. We may ask the C.C. to confirm whether this programme will be adhered to and if not to re-arrange it in such a way that the flags reach both Port Blair

& Carmichael. well in time. Draft telegram sent up.

2. Necessary steps for the purchase of flags are being taken.

D.O.N.
25/7/(4)

R. M. Theaker
25-7-47

25/7/47

DS(AW)

S.No: 1 (Done)

S.No 2

We have already taken up this question.

Sd- H. J. Stokes
Deputy Secretary
26/7/47.

S.No: 3 & 4

An order for five flags for the C.C. and one flag for the Asstt Commr. Stickers has been placed with M/s Edde & Co by A.S.(C). The flags are expected to be delivered to us tomorrow and we may then send them to M/s Beale & Co Madras with instructions to deliver them to the Captain of the ship for being duly delivered to the Asstt Commissioner Stickers and the C.C. A draft is put up which may issue when flags have been received.

2. Meanwhile we may communicate the

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position to the C.C. and ask him to make preparations for the celebrations on the lines of S.No: 4 & 3. [A copy of S.No: 4 has been sent by the Public Section to the C.C. direct by post but this will reach him only when the steamer reaches there].

Draft telegram put up.

30/3/47.

D.P.A II

Rr. Thiruppathi

30/3/47

US(Ad)

DS(Ad)

S. No (5) Issued.

Cor. 31.8-9

S.No 6 and 7 (Issued)

JR.

S. No. 8. (Receipt).

For information only.

8/8/47

US(Ad)

8/8/47

JR

Serial No.9. (Receipt).

Messrs. Edde & Co., have sent us a bill for Rs.179/- on account of the cost of 6 silken flags purchased by us for the C.C, Andamans, for India Independence Day Celebration and Flag Hoisting Ceremony. The bill may be sent to the A.G., C.R., with the request that the payment of the bill may please be made to the firm

direct.....

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direct under intimation to this Ministary,

Draft submitted. (The pay order on the bill may please be signed by D.S.(AN)

D.F.A.

11/4
S.O. (Vol.II)
D.S.(AN)

P.S.

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Serial No. 9-(Issue)

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Cutting from the "Hindustan Times"
dated the 4th September 1947.

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WHO RULES THE ANDAMANS?

Sir,—My brother (Zakir Hussain) who has just returned from a business tour of Burma and Singapore tells me that while on his way back to India he noticed several Union Jacks flying over a few big buildings in the Andamans that could be seen from his boat. At one place he noticed a big green flag (probably Muslim League flag), but nowhere did he see the Tricolour Flag. Who rules the Andamans?—Yours, etc.

GHULAM HUSSAIN.

Calcutta.

Please see the above cutting.

It is for consideration whether any notice should be taken of it. In this connection please see the Chief Commissioner's report at ~~slip 'W'~~ Serial No. 12. He unfurled the Dominion's flag on the 15th August 1947 in the presence of a large gathering which assembled on the Gymkhana Ground. But there is no mention in the report of his hauling down the Union Jack from the flag-staff on the Secretariat Buildings. The programme of hauling down of the Union Jack on the afternoon of August 14th was included in the Delhi programme and was communicated to the Chief Commissioner for his information. He was asked to adopt such programme of ceremonies in a fitting manner and as local conditions may require.

hoisting Dominion flag.

ASB
4.9.47.

Make enquiries from C.C. by telegram in code.

Secy.

DS(Ad)

DEA.

Draft telegram put up as amended.

ASB
4/9/47

Secy

DS(Ad)

R. No. (10) Secy.

Mr. ASB
Secy.

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Reply to our telegram dated 5.9.47 has not yet been received from the C.C. We may remind him.

Draft telegram put up.

ASB
24/9/47.

DS(Ard)

JPM
24/9/47

L. No. (11) — Issue

ASB
28/9

Serial No 12 (Receipt) PP.17-18 Cov.

For information. [D.S. has already seen this]

ASB
24.9.47.

Ismail Ali
24/9/47.

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A&P
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Sno. 13 (Receipt)

Please call the Librarian after
which [illegible] & discuss
facts.

D.S. (AN) 18/5

We have already taken notice of the letter
in the press and have written to let us
have the facts. Papers are placed below.

Yours
D.S. 17/5.

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P.6/ note &
P.15/ Corr.

Secretary -

17/5

D.S. (AN)

P. 17/5

Serial No 14 (Receipt) PR.

Pl. put up a reminder on Monday next
Entry 19/5

We supplied to the Chief Commissioner 5 silk flags of the following sizes for being hoisted in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands:-

One silk flag 9' x 6'

Four silk flags 6' x 4'.

(Supplied to the Asst: Comm. Nicobars)

One flag was to be hoisted in the Nicobar Islands. and

P. 14/ Corr.

P. 8/ Corr.

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~~five flags in the Andamans~~. It is doubtful whether one small green flag of the size 12" x 8" flying along with Indian Dominion flags of the above sizes could be so distinctly seen from the boat. Moreover Mr. Zakir Hussain says that he saw a big green flag and could not see the tri-colour flags.

Submitted for orders.

ASB
24.9.47.

SW
24/9/47

DSC(Ard)

Secy. may see the T.R. which is a reply to our Telegram asking for information whether any flags other than those of the Union of India were allowed to fly on Independence Day.

In view of the C-in-C's reply it seems hardly worth while taking any notice of the letter in the press which alleged that Union Jacks and the Muslim League flag were also flying in the Andamans.

Sd/-
W. A. W.
24/9.

Secretary -

H. M. may be interested to see this.

Mr. ASB
24/9.

22.9.47 PS.

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Serial No. 15 (Receipt) TR.

For information.

It is presumed that no reply is to be given to Serial No. 13.

ASB
29.9.47.

I have asked Secy. no reply need be given.

DS(Ant)

SP
30/9

Serial No. 16 (Receipt) TR.

mr. ASB 30/9

A copy of the "Hindustan Times" if available may be sent to C.C.

Sd. H. J. Stokes
1.10.47.

Copy of the "Hindustan Times" containing the news letter referred to* in the T.R. is not available in office. We may ask for a copy of the paper from the Press Editor of the said paper together with the name and address etc of the writer. Draft put up.

* cuttings might be seen on p.6 note + p. 20 Cones.

DFA.

ASB
1.10.47.

Send C.C. a copy of the cutting in the letter. The name of the writer is not likely to divulge anything else - so letter to Editor need not issue.

SP
1/10/47

DS(Ant)

from prepage.

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A draft letter to C.C. is put up for approval

ASB
10.10.47.

Sd/-
14/10/47
DS(Art)

Serial No.17 - (Issue)

Serial No.18. (Receipt).

The bill for Rs.179/- received from Messrs. Edde Tailors, New Delhi, was forwarded to the A.G.,C.R., on 4.8.1947 with the request to arrange payment to the firm early. We may enquire from that office whether the payment of the bill has since been made.

Draft submitted.

Sd/-
26/10/47
DS(Art)

Serial No. 19 - (Issue)

Serial No. 20 (Receipt)

For information. See C.C. has already intimated that the news in the paper about flags is not only incorrect but mischievous.

ASB
11.11.47.

A.G.C.R.s reply to our letter at Serial No. 19 has not yet been received. He may be reminded. Draft put up.

Sd/-
11/11/47
DS(Art)

Serial No. 21 - (Issue)

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Serial No. 22 (Receipt) 2R. b.30/Cur

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For information. This is a copy of
Ass 21.11.47. this Telegram received in Public Secn (B) in reply to an enquiry made by them regarding insult of National flag in connection with a Question in the Constituent Assembly.

SW 21/11/47 DS (A-IV)

I presume Press Section have seen cc. Telegram

Sd/-

yes. Thanks SW

Mr. ASB 22/11

Sns (R) Ager has returned on 1.12.47

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S. No 23. (Receipt)

For information only.

Hms 29/11

Information noted 29/11 for Secy.

S. No. 24 (Receipt)

For information.

mr S 29/11

The payment of Rs. 179/- has since been made to Edith, Tailors, vide receipt at slip 'A'.

Hms 19/12

SW 19/12 19/12/47 DS (A-IV)

No further action. May be recorded.

Hms 13/1

SW 13/1 US (IV)

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Mr S 22/1

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BS (Kelly)

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TO

ANDMANS

PORT BLAIR

215/47-AN. FOR MAJID FROM STOOKS (.) GOVERNMENT INDIA HAVE DECIDED TO ABSORVE observe AUGUST FIFTEEN AS INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY (.) DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CELEBRATIONS AND HOISTING OF NATIONAL FLAG AND LOWERING OF UNION JACK WILL ISSUE SHORTLY (.) MEANWHILE PLEASE CONFIRM THAT MAHARAJA WILL REACH PORT BLAIR THIRTEENTH AUGUST VIA CAR NICOBAR TO ENABLE TIMELY DELIVERY OF NATIONAL FLAGS TO BE ~~XXXX~~ SENT FROM HERE (.) IF NOT, PLEASE REARRANGE PROGRAMME TO ENABLE TIMELY DELIVERY(.)

HOMEX.

Sd/- 9/5/7/47

for Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Copy to: ~~D.S.(A.N.)~~ Public(B) Section.

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NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS AND IF NECESSARY SEND FIVE FLAGS BY MADRAS BOAT

SAILING ABOUT 9 TH AUGUST AS MANUFACTURE HERE DIFFICULT = ANDAMANS

We have already taken up this question 26/7

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I -470/47 YOUR TELEGRAM 215/47 AN TWENTYSIXTH (.)

MAHARAJH PROGRAMME SO ARRANGED THAT SHE RETURNS HERE THIRTEENTH

AUGUST (.) AWAITING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS = ANDAMANS

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H.D 2895-D/47 BK 30.7.47

NO.87/47-PUBLIC(B)
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
HOME DEPARTMENT, (INDIA).

IMMEDIATE.

(By Air Mail)

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From

G.V.BEDEKAR, Esquire, I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments (India)
excluding Sind and North West Frontier Province,

and

The Chief Commissioners (India),
excluding Baluchistan.

New Delhi, (3) the 29th July,'47.

SUBJECT:- Indian National Flag - Celebrations on the 15th August, 1947.

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Sir,

I am directed to say that the Government of India have since adopted the new National Flag of India as approved by the Constituent Assembly. The relevant resolution adopted by the Constituent Assembly on the 22nd July 1947 is as follows:-

"Resolved that the National Flag be a horizontal tricolour of deep saffron (Kesri), white and dark green in equal proportion. In the centre of the white band, there shall be a wheel in Navy blue to represent the Charkha. The design of the wheel shall be that of the wheel (Chakra) which appears on the abacus of the Sarnath Lion Capital of Asoka.

The diameter of the wheel shall approximate to the width of the band.

The ratio of the width to the length of the Flag should ordinarily be 2:3."

2. A specimen colour drawing of the Flag as approved is enclosed.

3. It may be noticed that the above resolution does not prescribe any fixed size for the Flag. Pending formal orders about the sizes of the Flag to be flown by various offices, it is suggested that, if the Provincial Government you have no objection, the size mentioned in the Annexure may kindly be adopted. As regards supply of flags, it is suggested that, in view of

the shortness/.....

the shortness of time, arrangements may kindly be made to have them prepared locally in the appropriate sizes and quantities required, preference being given to 'Khaddar' (or Indian cloth) in making the flags. The Government of India proposes, for the future, to arrange to keep in stock National Flags of different sizes at a central store on which indents could be made.

4. The Provincial Government (You) are being informed of this decision to enable them (you) to take all the action required for flying the National Flag on all important Government buildings in India and on official residences concerned on August 15, 1947.

5. The Central Government have under consideration a tentative programme for the celebrations to be held in Delhi on the inauguration of the new Dominion of India on the 15th August, 1947 which includes the following:-

(a) Hoisting of the National Flag on all Central Government buildings (the Union Jack hauled down after sunset on 14th August not being hoisted on 15th August).

(b) Flag salutation ceremony in the evening to which His Excellency will drive in State.

(c) Hoisting of the National Flag by His Excellency at the above ceremony.

(d) A march past of troops after the National Flag has been hoisted.

(e) Illumination and flood-lighting of the principal buildings in Delhi.

(f) Exhibition of Fire-Works at night.

(g) Distribution of medals and sweets among school children.

(h) General amnesty to prisoners (including commutation of death penalty).

The Provincial Government (You) are requested to celebrate the Independence Day in a fitting manner and to adopt such programme of ceremonies as local conditions may require.

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6. The Defence Department (India) are being requested to instruct local Military Commanders to render all possible assistance in arranging march past of troops

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

No.87/47-PUBLIC(B); New Delhi, (3) the 24th July,1947.

*with a sample drawing to all except Commerce Finance and Defence.

*Copy forwarded to all Departments (including States Department) (India) of Govt. of India; All the Secretaries to the Governor General; Military Secretary to the Viceroy; Political Department and the Establishment Officer to the Government of India for information and necessary action so far as the Central Government buildings under their administrative control are concerned. The Works, Mines and Power Department are arranging for the hoisting of the Flag on all Central Government buildings in Delhi and Simla. The departments concerned may arrange for the hoisting of the Flag on the buildings in Provinces (e.g. Customs, Salt and Central Excise, port offices, railway buildings).

[ ] E.A. & C.R. Dept. only. [External Affairs & Commonwealth Relations Department may issue suitable instructions to India's representatives abroad for hoisting of the national flag and celebration.]

[ ] For Defence Deptt.(India) only. [Defence Department (India) with a request to issue detailed instructions to Commands, Areas and Sub-Areas etc. to fly the National Flag on 15th August, 1947 and to celebrate the day. The instructions should also cover the Royal Indian Navy and Royal Indian Air Force. Attention is drawn to paragraph 5 of the above letter to provinces. Instructions will no doubt be issued to establish contact and liaison with local civil authorities, wherever necessary.]

2. Indents for flags required may be placed on the Works and Power Department (India) with indication as to sizes.

By order,

(G.V.BEDEKAR)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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NO.	NAME OF OFFICIAL	SIZE OF THE NATIONAL FLAG FLOWN.
1.	Their Excellencies the Governors of Provinces.	21' x 14'
2.	Provincial Legislative Councils.	12' x 9'
3.	High Courts, Chief Courts and Judicial Commissioners' Courts.	12' x 9'
4.	The Chief Commissioners, Delhi, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Ajmer-Merwara Coorg and Panth Piploda.	6' x 4'
5.	Commissioners of divisions, Deputy Commissioners or Collectors.	6' x 4'
6.	Members of the Board of Revenue, Madras.	6' x 4'
7.	Courts of District and Sessions Judges, when the flying of the flag has been authorised by the local government.	6' x 4'

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Home Dept.(AN) 22-8

Draft telegram Express

No: 215/47-AN Secret

Andamans

Port Blair

From Secretary to Majesty.

Your telegram No: 1-470/47 dated twenty-eighth July(.) Five Indian National Flags for you and one for Nicobars being sent ~~through~~ to Best Madras with instructions to entrust them to Captain of Maharaja for delivery to you and Boomgardt(.) Please ask Boomgardt to contact Captain when Maharaja reaches Nicobars(.) Please take action required for flying National flag on all important Government buildings and on official residences concerned on August fifteen 1947(.) Para 2(.) Govt. India's tentative programme for celebrations to be held in Delhi on inauguration of new Dominion of India on August fifteen, 1947 includes (a) hoisting of national flag on all central Govt. buildings (Union Jack hauled down after sunset on August fourteen not being hoisted on August fifteen) (b) flag salutation ~~x~~ ceremony in ~~the~~ evening to which His Excellency will drive in State (c) Hoisting of national flag by H.E. at above ceremony (d) March past of troops after national flag has been hoisted (e) illumination and flood-lighting of

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principal buildings in Delhi (f) exhibition of fire-works at night (h) general amnesty to prisoners (including commutation of death penalty) (.) You are requested to celebrate Independence Day in fitting manner and to adopt such programme of ceremonies as local conditions may require (.) You are already aware of ~~the~~ proposals for amnesty and orders regarding it will follow separately

(g) Distribution of medals and sweets among school children

~~Stacks~~ Homein

Copy forwarded to C.C. A & N Islands by post.

By order

U.S.(AN)

Copy forwarded to the Public (B) Section.

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Home Department (AN)

No: 215/AN
2/8/47

To,

Messrs Best & Co,Ltd.,
Post Box No: 63
Madras.

Dear Sirs,

I am sending herewith two packets containing Indian National Flags- one for the Assistant Commr., Nicobars and the other for the Chief Commr. A & N Islands Port Blair. As it is of the utmost importance that these packets should reach the addressees in time, I am to request that these may be entrusted to the Captain of the Maharaja, which is scheduled to leave Madras on or about 9th August 1947, with instructions to deliver them to the addressees as stated above immediately on arrival at the ports.

I am also to request that as soon as this has been done the Home Dept. may please be informed by telegram so that further action if any may be taken.

The receipt of the flags may kindly be acknowledged immediately.

Yours faithfully,

D.S.(AN)

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No: 215-/AN.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
HOME DEPARTMENT(INDIA).

NEW DELHI-3, the 2nd August, 1947.

Dear Capt. ~~Dowlr~~ Dowle,

Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent by the Government of India to Messrs. Best & Co. It is extremely important that the flags that we are sending should reach the Chief Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner, Nicobar in time. I shall be very grateful if you will contact Best & Co. in Madras and take delivery of the flags and hand them over to the Chief Commissioner and the Assistant Commissioner. The Chief Commissioner I understand will join the ship at Car Nicobar.

With good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- H.J. Stooks.
Deputy Secretary.

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Government of India.
Ministry of Home Affairs.
AN. Section.

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No. ~~3166-D~~ 215/47-AN. dt. 4.9.47

To

The Accountant General,
Central Revenues,
New Delhi.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith bill No.604, dated the 25th Aug 1947, for Rs.179/- (Rupees one hundr and seventy-nine) only, from Messrs. Edde, Drapers, Tailors and Outfitter Queensway, New Delhi, on account of the cost of 6 silken flags sent to Andamans & Nicobar Islands, for Indi Independence Day Celebrations and Flag Hoisting ceremony. I am to requ that the payment of the bill may please be made ~~early~~ to the firm direct at an early date under intimation to ~~this~~ Ministry of Home Affairs.

I have, etc.,

D.S.(AN)

Copy forwarded to:-

Messrs.Edde, Drapers, Tailors and Outfitters, Queensway, New Delhi. for information.

the Chief Commissioner, A & N.Island Port Blair, for information.

By order

D.S.(AN)

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ISSUED On 4/9 Initial R. & I.(A)

Checked Ch. V.

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EDDE

Drapers, Tailors & Outfitters.

Queensway, New Delhi.

E No. 604 New Delhi, 25.8.47.

Name the Assistant Secretary ~~xxxxxx~~ Home Deptt.

Address. New Delhi.

			Rs.	As
1 Silk Flag	9 x 6		46-	8
5 "	6 x 4 @ Rs. 26/8/- each.		132-	8
		Total.	179-	0

E.& O.E.

Pay Rs. 179/- (Rupees one hundred and seventy-nine only.)

D7. Secy. to The Govt. of India.

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S. no. 10

Telegram I.W.C. No.7425 Dated 5th September 1947

From.....Governor General(Ministry of Home Affairs), New Delhi.

To.....Andamans, Port Blair.

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215-AN Hindustan Times dated 4th September has published a letter under caption "Who Rules Andamans" that several Union Jacks were noticed flying over a few big buildings in Andamans and at one place a big green flag (probably Muslim League flag) was seen but nowhere was tricolour flag seen (.) Government India presume that report is incorrect and that tri-colour flag was hoisted on Government buildings (.) Please confirm by Telegram .

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A.S.(E)Ministry of Home Affairs (2) Cabinet Secy.

V.H.(5)
8/9/47

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Sno. 11 7906 30

TELEGRAM I.W.C. No. 7906 dated 22nd September 1947

From.....Homein, New Delhi

To .....Andamans Port Blair

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No. 215-AN. Reference Homein telegram No. 215-AN dated 5th September regarding hoisting Tri-Colour Flag in Andamans on 15th August, Please expedite reply. → Sno 10.

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SECY & DY SECY(AN)MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(2)&

CABINET SECY

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EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 22-8-1947.

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GENERAL: The outstanding events during the period under report were the celebrations held in connection with the Independence Day.

The Dominion of India Flag was unfurled by the Chief Commissioner at 9.a.m. on the 15th August 1947 in the presence of a large gathering which assembled on the Gymkhana Ground. A number of processions consisting of members of various departments, school children and the public converged to this area well before time. Discipline of the crowd was particularly noticeable; in fact the silence obsdrved might almost be said to be overpowering. Apparently those assembled well realised the solemnity of the occasion.

15th and 16th August were observed as holidays. During these days there were sports amongst the school children and the public, distribution of sweets amongst school children, feeding of the poor and the inmates of the Jail, illuminations, fire-works and carnivals. As expected the celebrations passed off smoothly with all communities partaking in them.

Rumours were afloat that the Indonesians and the Burmans might start counter demonstrations and processions. No official notice was taken of these as they proved to be without foundation.

On the 17th August 1947 the displaced Indonesians who are still here and unable to return to their country hoisted their flag in their own club house on the 2nd Anniversary of the Indonesian Republic and took out a procession in orderly fashion in spite of heavy rains.

The Id festivities on the 18th and 19th August were as expected observed without any outward incidencts.

Reports as to how the Independence Day celebrations were observed in Car Nicobar are awaited.

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From information received by the last sailing of the Maharaja from Madras which called at Car Nicobar it appears that the Nicobarese after a meeting among themselves decided to attend the Flag hoisting ceremony arranged by the Assistant Commissioner who was also arranging a programme to celebrate this occasion.

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Dear Friend,

I invite your attention to a News Letter given in the issue of 4th September, 1947 in the "HINDUSTAN TIMES" under the caption of

" WHO RULES THE ANDAMANS ?"

I hope you must have taken a note of it, and you may be proceeding with the stern action required in this direction.

I may or may not tolerate the happenings in the Punjab, but we are not so coward to forgive the offenders of the law, in both ways, either here or in any of our belongxings.

I hope the "Ministry of Home Affairs will clear this matter very urgently, and remove the misapprehension from the Nationals of India, who have struggled all way round to achieve the Freedom for all of the Indian belongings.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(B. DOGARSINGH PUAR)
A Congressman.

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Hindustan Times

4-9-47

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WHO RULES THE ANDAMANS?

Sir,—My brother (Zakir Hussain) who has just returned from a business tour of Burma and Singapore tells me that while on his way back to India he noticed several Union Jacks flying over a few big buildings in the Andamans that could be seen from his boat. At one place he noticed a big green flag (probably Muslim League flag), but nowhere did he see the Tricolour Flag. Who rules the Andamans?—Yours, etc.

GHULAM HUSSAIN.

Calcutta.

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H.D.Sy.No.3413/47AN
dt. 24.9.47

TELEGRAM I.W.C. Sno.14 A&D

No. 11802

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From..... Andamans, Port Blair
To..... Homein, New Delhi
No. CC 1518 T.O.O. 1450
Dated 15th (recd 22nd)September 1947. T.O.R. 1145

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Sno.10.

Your telegram dated September 6th No. 215 AN (CCB No. 7425)received mutilated. Asked+for+correction. Meantime I may report no Union JACKS noticed flying over any buildings. Only one green flag with crescent and star size 12" by 8" seen flying along with India Dominion flag from one private house1 Only foreign flag flown here was INDONESIAN. This allowed as considered unobjectionable.

+Checked found correct and repeated by CCB on 22/9/47

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ASSTT SECY (E)HOME AFFAIRS(3): CABINET SECY : E.A. WING(JS(X)

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Telegram I.W.C. No.11962.

From.. Andamans, Port Blair.
To.... Homein, New Delhi.
No.CC/1518.
Dated 25th (recd: 26th) September 1947.

T.O.O. 1720
T.O.R. 1250

Immediate

Your telegram dated 22nd September No.215-AN. Reply to your telegram dated 6th September No.215-AN sent on 15th September repeated below for information. Begins. CC-1518 your telegram dated 6th September No.215-AN xx xx xx xx xx as considered unobjectionable. Ends.

Same as C.C.B.

21/9/47.

ASSTT: SECRETARY(E) MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(2) ONLY.

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TELEGRAM I.W.C. 13029

From.....Andamans, Port Blair.
To.....Homein, New Delhi.
No. CC/1518 T.O.O. 1510
Dated 27th (recd. 29th) September 1947 T.O.R. 1915

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? (Presumably on telegram ref. Sno. 10).

⊗ Your telegram dated 24th September No. 7933. From my telegram dated 15th September No. CC/1518 it would appear that letter of Hindustan Times referred to not only incorrect but mischievous especially for this (group omitted - island?) where fortunately communal harmony exists. Indian Dominion flag flown from Government House Secretariat and almost every building Government or private. Kindly send me copy of Hindustan Times referred. If possible would like to know name of writer of letter in question.

⊗ Sno. 14.

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Secretary: and Ministry of Home Affairs:(3) Cabinet Secretary: PS to PM:(2) and JS(X):

PJN
30/9/47

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BY AIR MAIL

No. 215/47-AN.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

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From

H.J. Stooks, Esquire,
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of India,

To

The Chief Commissioner,
Andaman & Nicobar Islands,
Port Blair.

New Delhi,(3);the 17th October, 1947.

Subject:- Hoisting of National Flag in the Andamans.

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Sir,

With reference to your telegram No. CC/1518, dated the 27th September, 1947, on the above subject, I am directed to forward a cutting from the Hindustan Times, dated the 4th September 1947, containing the article under the caption "WHO RULES THE ANDAMANS?" The name of the writer is given in the article.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.

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MINISTRY OF HOME ... Section
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File No. 24/14/36/47
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CIVIL AND MILITARY TAILORS AND OUTFITTERS

43, THE MALL
SIMLA

QUEENSWAY
NEW DELHI

New Delhi, the 11th October, 47.

The Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of Home,
New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Ref. Our bill No. E604 for Rs. 179/-

We have to draw your attention to our above noted bill, which is still pending against you and shall be obliged for an early settlement of the same.

We are confident, the matter will receive your immediate attention.

Thanking you.

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A&I Section
File No. ...
Dated 17-X-47
Diary No. 4342(47)

Yours faithfully,
For & on behalf of
EDDE TAILORS,
Managing Proprietor.

Ministry of Home Affairs.

DEPARTMENT/OFFICE
(Andamans)

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Serial No. 49

Draft Letter / ~~Memorandum~~ / ~~Telegram~~

1. Date of de-patch.
2. List of enclosures.

No. 215/47-AN. Dated 24.x.47.

To

The Accountant General,
Central Revenues,
New Delhi.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 4th September 1947, forwarding therewith a bill for Rs.179/- from Messrs. Edde Tailors, New Delhi on account of the cost of 6 silken flags and to enquire whether the payment of the bill has since been made to the firm. If not, steps may please be taken to arrange payment of the bill.....

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bill at a very early date.

I have, etc.,

D.S.(AN)

Copy forwarded to Messrs. Fade Tailors, Queensway, New Delhi, with reference to their letter dated the 11th October 1947.

D.S.(AN)

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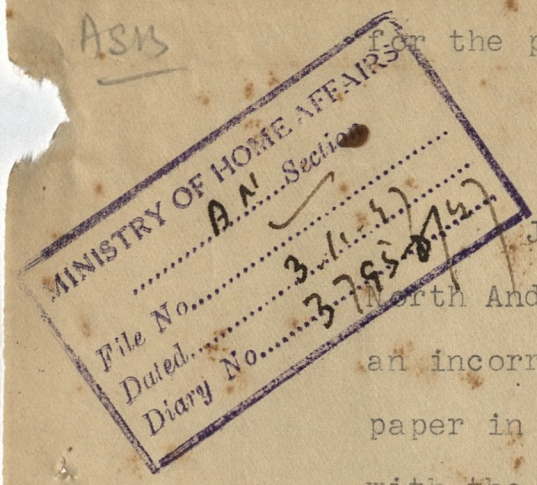

Extract from the Report on the Andamans Administration for the period ending 4th October 1947.

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Just before the Chief Commissioner left for the North Andamans to visit these places he had to report on an incorrect and mischievous account which appeared in a paper in India about various flags displayed in Prt Blair with the Dominion of India flag conspicuous by its absence.

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~~DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.~~
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Andamans)

File No.
Serial No. 21

Letter
Draft ~~Memorandum~~
~~Telegram~~.

1. Date of despatch.
2. List of enclosures.

No. 215/47-AN Dated 14.11.47

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To

The A.G.C.R.,
New Delhi

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Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to this Ministry letter of even number, dated the 28th October 1947 reg. payment of the bill of M/s Edde Tailors, New Delhi for the cost of 6 silken flags supplied to the C.C. A&N Islands, and to enquire whether payment of the above bill mentioned above has been made.

I have etc.

DS(AN)

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Telegram I.W.C.

From.....ANDAMANS, Port Blair.
To.....Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi.
No CC/1518
Dated and rec'd 17th November 1947. T.O.O. 1445
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Not up.

Your telegram dated November 14th No 109/47/PUB(B) regarding flag. Kindly refer to my telegram dated September 27th No CC/1518 repeated below for ready reference and also to last paragraph+ of my administration report ending 4th October under item General. Telegram begins CC/1518 your No.7933. From my telegram dated September 15th telegram dated September 24th/No CC/1518 it would appear that the letter of Hundustan Times referred to not only incorrect but mischievous especially for this where fortunatel Communal harmony exists. Indian Dominion flag flown from Government House Secretariat and almost every building Government of private. Kindly send me co y of Hindustan Times referred to. If possible would like to know name of writer of letter in question Telegram ends. Ministry of Home Affairs letter 11th October received sending copy of letter from Hindustan Times. Cannot ascertain who the writer is to find out his complaint. Seeing flag from a boat going from Burma or Singapore to Indian mainland incredible. More these islands do not lie on any air or* ship route to enable to see buildings much less flag. It is I think* clear that Indian National flag not dishonoured by anyone is fact respect shown particularly noted. No action therefore called for as no incident occurred.

+'paraphrase' signalled

Presumably telegram at Sno.16.

Sno.17.

SECY AND MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(MR. STOOKS)(3): PS TO PM(2): CABINET SECRETARY: E.A. WING-JS(X).

[ADVANCE COPY TO MR. STOOKS, MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS]

L.R.(9)
18/11/47

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OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
CENTRAL REVENUES
NEW DELHI.

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*No.*TD.19-2486. *dated the* 21 NOV 1947

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
AN. Section
File No. 215/47-AN.
Dated 25-11-47.
Diary No. 4098-D/47-AN.

FROM

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
CENTRAL REVENUES.

To The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

S. No. 9
A-13-14/Cw.

REF:- Your letter No.215/47-AN dt. 16.9.1947.

Bill No.604 dt.25.8.47, for Rs.179/- from Messrs Edde Drapers, Tailors and Outfitters, Queenway, New Delhi, on account of the cost of six silken flags sent to Andaman and Nicobar Islands for India Independence Day Celebrations and Flag Hoisting ceremony has been passed for payment at the Imperial Bank of India, New Delhi Messrs Edde Drapers, Tailors and Outfitters, Quennway, New Delhi are being asked to take delivery of the bill from this office.

T.L.PURI.

Assistant Accounts Officer.

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OFFICE OF THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL
CENTRAL REVENUES
NEW DELHI.

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File No.
Dated 19-12-47
Diary No. 4453-B

No. TD1-19-2814 *dated the*

FROM

THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL,
CENTRAL REVENUES,

To

The Secy. to the Govt. of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

S.No.14 b.26-27/cv.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.215/47-AN, dated the 28th ~~November~~ Dec 1947, I have the honour to state that the payment of the bills of M/s Edde Tailors, New Delhi, referred to therein, has since been arranged. A reference, in this connection is invited to this office letter No.TD 1-19-2486 dated 21.11.47 to your address, copy of which also was endorsed to M/s Edde Tailors, New Delhi. S.No.23 b.31/cv.

Assistant Accounts Officer
Central Revenues

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